

Listing of Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in this application.

Claims 1-33. (Cancelled)

34. (New) A method comprising:

establishing a connection between a terminal and a subscriber database that is external to the terminal;

identifying during a communication using the established connection a subscriber associated with the terminal by using a subscriber identifier, where the communication contains an indication that another subscriber identifier is to be activated, where a particular subscriber identifier identifies the subscriber in a particular network; and

in response to determining that the subscriber is authorized to use the another subscriber database, sending a subscriber identifier that is associated with the another subscriber database to the terminal.

35. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising transmitting subscriber data from the subscriber database to the terminal.

36. (New) The method of claim 35, where subscriber data comprises service information concerning services that the subscriber has the right to use.

37. (New) The method of claim 35, where subscriber data comprises subscriber database-specific information.

38. (New) The method of claim 37, where the subscriber database-specific information is comprised of an international mobile subscriber identity.
39. (New) The method of claim 35, where the subscriber data comprises personal data of the subscriber.
40. (New) The method of claim 35, where the subscriber data is transmitted to an application resident in the terminal.
41. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising modifying data stored in the subscriber database.
42. (New) The method of claim 34, where establishing comprises receiving from the terminal an identification of a subscriber database to be used.
43. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising receiving from the terminal an address of a subscriber database to be used.
44. (New) The method of claim 43, where the address is one of stored in the terminal or is inputted by the subscriber.
45. (New) The method of claim 43, where the address is comprised of an internet protocol address.
46. (New) The method of claim 34, where the subscriber database comprises subscriber data at least partly the same as subscriber data stored in a subscriber application that comprises part of the terminal.
47. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising: receiving location information of the terminal and transmitting data directed to the subscriber to a serving network on the basis of the

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location information.

48. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory including computer program code, where the memory and computer program code are configured to, with the processor, cause the apparatus at least to

establish a connection between a terminal and a subscriber database that is external to the terminal;

identify during a communication using the established connection a subscriber associated with the terminal by using a subscriber identifier, where the communication contains an indication that another subscriber identifier is to be activated, where a particular subscriber identifier identifies the subscriber in a particular network; and

in response to a determination that the subscriber is authorized to use the another subscriber database, send a subscriber identifier that is associated with the another subscriber database to the terminal.

49. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, where the memory and computer program code are further configured, with the processor, to cause the apparatus to transmit subscriber data from the subscriber database to the terminal.

50. (New) The apparatus of claim 49, where subscriber data comprises service information concerning services that the subscriber has the right to use.

51. (New) The apparatus of claim 49, where subscriber data comprises subscriber database-specific information.

52. (New) The apparatus of claim 51, where the subscriber database-specific information is comprised of an international mobile subscriber identity.

53. (New) The apparatus of claim 49, where the subscriber data comprises personal data of the subscriber.

54. (New) The apparatus method of claim 49, where the memory and computer program code are further configured, with the processor, to cause the apparatus to transmit the subscriber data to an application resident in the terminal.

55. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, where the memory and computer program code are further configured, with the processor, to modify data stored in the subscriber database.

56. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, where the memory and computer program code are further configured, with the processor, to cause the apparatus when establishing the connection to receive from the terminal an identification of a subscriber database to be used.

57. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, where the apparatus receives an address of a subscriber database to be used.

58. (New) The apparatus of claim 57, where the address is one of stored in the terminal or is inputted by the subscriber.

59. (New) The apparatus of claim 57, where the address is comprised of an internet protocol address.

60. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, where the subscriber database comprises subscriber data at least partly the same as subscriber data stored in a subscriber application that comprises part of the terminal.

61. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, where the memory and computer program code are further configured, with the processor, to receive location information of the terminal and to transmit data directed to the subscriber to a serving network on the basis of the location information.

62. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

a non-transitory memory medium reachable through a telecommunication system and storing a subscriber database associated with a subscriber, the subscriber database storing subscriber data comprised of at least personal information associated with the subscriber and being at least partly editable by the subscriber via the telecommunication system, said subscriber database being responsive to receipt of a connection establishment request from a terminal of the subscriber to transmit a subscriber identification request to the terminal and, in response to verifying that the subscriber has the right to use the subscriber database, to transmit at least some of the personal information associated with the subscriber to the terminal.

63. (New) The apparatus of claim 62, where data stored in the subscriber database is divided according to different file access rights such that the subscriber and an owner of the subscriber database have access rights to certain files, the subscriber only has access rights to certain other files, and the owner of the subscriber database only has access rights to certain other files.

64. (New) The apparatus of claim 62, where subscriber data comprises service information concerning services that the subscriber has the right to use.

65. (New) The apparatus of claim 62, where subscriber data comprises subscriber database-specific information.

66. (New) The apparatus of claim 65, where the subscriber database-specific information is comprised of an international mobile subscriber identity.

67. (New) A method, comprising:

providing a subscriber database associated with a subscriber, the subscriber database storing subscriber data comprised of at least personal information associated with the subscriber and being at least partly editable by the subscriber via the telecommunication system;

in response to receipt of a connection establishment request from a terminal of the subscriber, transmitting a subscriber identification request to the terminal; and

in response to verifying that the subscriber has the right to use the subscriber database, transmitting at least some of the personal information associated with the subscriber to the terminal.

68. (New) The method of claim 67, where data stored in the subscriber database is divided according to different file access rights such that the subscriber and an owner of the subscriber database have access rights to certain files, the subscriber only has access rights to certain other files, and the owner of the subscriber database only has access rights to certain other files.

69. (New) The method of claim 67, where subscriber data comprises service information concerning services that the subscriber has the right to use.

70. (New) The method of claim 67, where subscriber data comprises subscriber database-specific information.

71. (New) The method of claim 70, where the subscriber database-specific information is comprised of an international mobile subscriber identity.